Before your appointment…

Of course the best way for our designers to get an idea of your space and style is by personally visiting your home but maybe you are not quite ready to make that commitment for a jobsite study and visit and just want to get an idea of budget first. By taking some basic measurements and providing us some digital photographs, our experienced designers can visit with you in the showroom, look at your space and provide some initial budget figures based on comparable projects. Another option is bringing in original plans from your home. If you are lucky enough to still have these, this can be very helpful for our designers to get started and they are happy to make copies of your originals to work with.

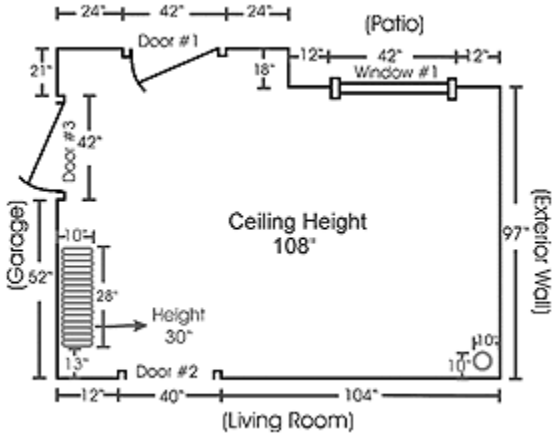
Measuring your kitchen and bath:

If you are trying to give your designer an idea of the size of your kitchen and bath in order to get some basic ideas of budgeting and design, we have included this step by step guide to which takes you through the process.

Note: All measurements should be in inches. For example, if you measure a wall that is 10 feet long, write it as 120".
Note: If you are remodeling, do not include current cabinetry or other items that will not be kept.

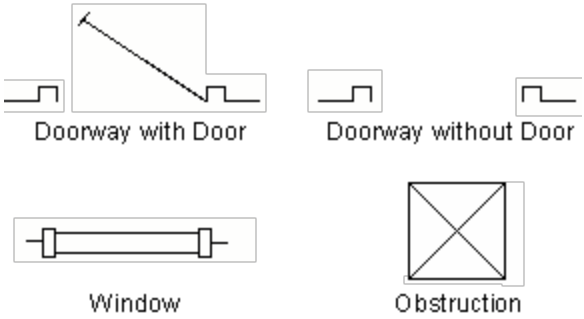
We have provided a grid that can be printed and used to write your measurements. Click here GRID PAPER.

Sample drawing:



Step 1:
Draw a rough outline of your kitchen or bath.
Use the following symbols in your drawing to show doors and windows

Note: For doorways with doors, draw the doorway according to which way the doors swings.



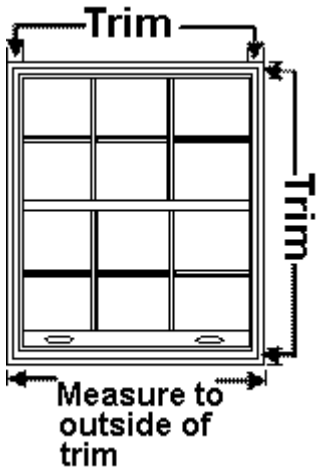
Step 2:

Draw in any obstructions such as radiators, pipes, sink plumbing, etc. that you either can not, or do not, want moved.

Step 3:

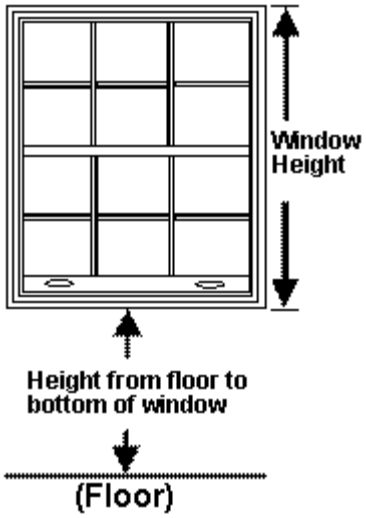
1. Beginning at the top left corner of your drawing measure to the first window, door, or wall. Continue clockwise around the room until each wall, window and door has been measured.

   Note: When measuring doors and windows the trim is considered part of the door or window. As shown in the drawing below, measure from the outside of the trim on one side to the outside of the trim on the other side.



2. Measure the ceiling height and write it in the center of your drawing. Sometimes, especially with older homes, it is a good idea to take measurements in a few different areas of the kitchen. Ceiling heights, even in the same room, can sometimes vary by as much as a few inches.

3. As shown in the drawing below, measure from the floor to the bottom of each window and also measure the overall window height. If you have printed these instructions, write the measurements in the table provided below.



	Distance from Floor to Bottom of Window	Height of Window Including Trim
Window 1:	(inches)	(inches)
Window 2:	(inches)	(inches)
Window 3:	(inches)	(inches)
Window 4:	(inches)	(inches)
Window 5:	(inches)	(inches)
Window 6:	(inches)	(inches)

Step 4:

1. Beginning at the top left of your drawing, label the windows "Window 1", "Window 2", etc. in a clockwise order.

2. Again, beginning at the top left of your drawing, label the doors "Door 1", "Door 2", etc. in a clockwise order.

3. Next to each wall, write the name of the adjacent room. If the wall is an "outside wall" write "exterior wall."

Step 5:

1. Measure any obstructions such as radiators, pipes, etc. that you either can not, or do not, want moved. If the obstruction is close to a wall, measure out from the wall to the edge of the obstruction.

2. Measure from the second closest wall to the edge of the obstruction.

3. If the obstruction does not span the full height of the room, measure the height of the obstruction.

   Check your measurements. If your room is rectangular add up the measurements of the parallel walls and make sure they match (or are at least very close). For example, in our sample drawing, you would take the overall measurements of the top wall and add them together. Then do the same with the bottom wall. Once you have added each walls measurements check the totals to see if they match.

Top Wall:	24" + 42" + 24" + 12" + 42" + 12" = 156"
Bottom Wall:	12" + 40" + 104" = 156"
Left Wall:	21" + 42" + 52" = 115"
Right Wall:	18" + 97" = 115"